

MAJOR CUTS OFF \$348,600

Holds Up \$1,142,895 Appropriated for State Departments

Jefferson City, April 1.—Governor Major completed the last of the appropriation bills tonight. The measure taken up provides for the support of the various state departments. A sum of \$348,600 in the measure was vetoed by the governor and \$1,142,895 was held up. The biggest items vetoed carried \$150,000 as an emergency appropriation to rebuild any state building destroyed by fire or storm and \$100,000 for dragging class B highways.

SUSPECTED BANK ROBBERS

Peirce City, April 1.—Two men who were arrested at the Frisco depot here tonight by Melvin Black, night policeman and C. W. Decker, chief of police, are being held on suspicion. According to Black, equipment that could be used for blowing safes was found in possession of the men, and he believes they are bank robbers.

One of the men held is R. T. Clark of Denver, Colo. The other pretends to be deaf and dumb and offers no name. Clark is five feet and nine inches tall, has light brown hair, wears a blue serge suit, an army shirt and a gray overcoat. The other man is five feet and ten inches tall, wears a black overcoat, has a light complexion and black hair.

Nitroglycerin cans, fuse and two revolvers are said to have been in possession of the pair.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

L. J. Hoover Seneca
Minnie M. Rodgers Seneca
Frank Cook Asbury
Myrtle Dailey Joplin
Wm. Berze Skio, Ok.
Rennah Kenney Newtonia
H. V. Needham Rocky Comfort
Nota McQueen Wheaton
Luther Buttram Granby
Mary Cook Granby
Lewis Lawry Grove, Ok.
Dorothy Thrasher Joplin
Franklin Carr Jasper County
Alpha A. Lewis Jasper County

ELITE CLUB SHOWERS

BRIDE-TO-BE

The Elite Club was entertained by Miss Margaret Edgar, Thursday evening, at an Easter party.

When the guests were assembled she told them that there was a basket of Easter eggs hid for each one and they had a merry time hunting them. Miss Lucy Gibbons found a large basket for her, daintily decorated in pink. On looking inside she found packages containing dainty linen pieces presented by members of the club in honor of her approaching marriage.

A recipe book in which each member of the club wrote a favorite recipe was another gift which will be highly prized by the bride-to-be.

The evening was further spent in music and sociability. The club will be entertained next week by Miss Edna Green.

ODD FELLOWS WILL CELEBRATE AT WASHBURN

The Odd Fellows of Barry county will celebrate the ninety-sixth anniversary of the order at Washburn, April 26. The degree work will be done by the Washburn, Purdy, Monett and Cassville teams.

The ladies of the Union church at Washburn will serve chicken pie dinner and supper for twenty-five cents a meal. Washburn is noted for her good cooks so the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will be well fed.

A SWAT INDIRECT

Mandy: What for you been goin' to de postoffice so regular? Are you correspondin' wif some other female? Rastus: Nope; but since ah been a-readin' in de papers 'bout dese 'conscience funds' ah kind of thought ah might possibly git a lettah from dat ministah what married us.

Aurora will have an anti-gossip club. The members will sign a pledge as follows: "I hereby pledge myself to abstain from all gossip which would be injurious to any person's life, character or reputation; if I can't say something good I'll say nothing." There are a few men and women in every community who would be mighty silent if they kept such a pledge.

WHEAT CONDITIONS NOT GOOD

Missouri Crop Eleven Points Below Last Year, Board Says

Columbia, Mo., April 3.—Wheat condition in Missouri is eleven points below that of a year ago according to reports made today to the Missouri State Board of Agriculture.

The spring season is opening late. Much cold, cloudy weather during March held back farm work. Despite a deficiency in moisture for the month the soil is well filled with water.

Condition for the state is 88.8 per cent as compared with 98.8 one year ago. Hessian fly and very late seeding, together with unfavorable weather during March are given as the cause for present wheat conditions. However, on the whole the prospect is promising. The ten-year April 1 average condition on wheat is 86.4. The lowest condition for the decade was 67.5 in 1910.

PHILATHEA MEETING

Mrs. Arthur Anderson, assisted by Mrs. J. E. Carter, very pleasantly entertained the Philathea class at their regular monthly business meeting Friday afternoon, April 2. A large number of the members responded to roll call.

The greater part of the afternoon was taken for the study of the Sunday school lesson, the subject being "The Resurrection." Mrs. Porter Smith gave a reading on the origin of Easter which was both interesting and instructive. Miss Sauerwald of St. Louis, a guest at this meeting also gave some splendid readings.

Other visitors for the afternoon were Mesdames Kyler, Coleman and Fowler. At the conclusion of the program a delicious two-course lunch was served.

PURE FOOD LAWS

We all know that within the last few years progress has made great strides in the matter of pure food laws and legislation, but few housewives know the letter of the law and the extent to which the consumer can claim protection under it.

The misbranding of package foods as to weight and measure, cheap substitutions and the removal of valuable ingredients in foods sold are among the evils against which the law has given an ample protection. The restriction governing these matters are clear. A food is deemed to be misbranded under these circumstances:

1. If it be an imitation of or offered for sale under the distinctive name of another article.
2. If it be labeled or branded so as to deceive or mislead the purchaser, or purport to be a foreign article when not so, or if the contents shall have been substituted in whole or in part, or if it fail to bear a statement on the label of the quantity or proportion of any narcotic or habit-forming drug which it contains.
3. If it be an incorrect statement of weight or measure.
4. If the package containing it or its label shall bear any statement, design or device which is false or misleading in any particular.

The law on adulteration of foods is on the whole less definite than that on misbranding, for while it defines the main types of adulteration, it does not, except in the case of confectionery and of habit-forming drugs, name the specific substances which are to be prohibited or restricted in use.

However it is not thru the law direct that the individual housewife will get the quickest redress. It is to her dealer that she must look for protection. The dealer, with the pure food laws to back him, is in a position to demand pure food, sanitary conditions and honest measure from the manufacturer, and he will demand these if the housewives insist upon them. Therefore it is the duty of every woman to buy only such articles as shall conform to these requirements. The buyer is, after all, the court of final appeal.—The National Tribune, Washington, D. C.

For Sale: S. C. White Leghorn baby chicks, 10 cents each. Eggs, 15 for 75 cents; 100 for \$4.50. H. C. Kepner, Monett, Mo. Phone 928-24. Those wanting April and May chicks, please order now.

SHIP IS ATTACKED

WITHOUT WARNING

All but Seven of Her Crew of Eighteen Are Drowned When Vessel Is Sunk

New Haven, England, April 1.—The British steamer Seven Seas of 632 tons, was torpedoed by a German submarine off Beachy Head this afternoon. The attack was without warning and eleven of her crew of eighteen, including all the officers except the second engineer, were drowned. The steamer was bound from London for Liverpool.

Such was the force of the explosion that the hatches were blown off and a big hole was torn in the steamer's side, causing her to sink within three minutes.

The survivors, three of whom were injured, were landed here this evening by a destroyer.

DIES AT 84 YEARS

Louis Miller died at his home north of Peirce City at 9 p. m., Saturday, March 27, 1915, aged 84 years.

He was an old and highly respected citizen of this county, having come here in 1887 from St. Paul, Minn., and settled on the farm where he died.

He leaves an aged wife and eight children and many grandchildren to mourn his loss. The funeral services were held at St. Mary's church, Tuesday, March 30, conducted by Father Sisbert and interment was made in St. Mary's cemetery. He was formerly a convert of Father Brady.—Peirce City Leader.

MRS. TURNER STOOPS DIED

Mrs. Turner Stoops died Thursday night. Funeral services will be held at the home on Marshall Hill, Saturday at 1:30 o'clock p. m., conducted by Rev. J. F. King. Interment will be made in the Kings Prairie cemetery.

Mrs. Stoops was born in Highland county, Ohio, 56 years ago.

Mrs. J. S. Farrow and Miss Edna Green went to Joplin, Friday.

PEIRCE CITY NEWS

O. F. Beasley and two grandchildren were visiting in Monett, Sunday. Arthur Suttles and wife were visiting in Monett Sunday with relatives.

John and Tom Moore of Monett spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Chas. Shryock.

Mrs. E. P. Osborn and son, Richard Wendell came in Wednesday night from St. Louis to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Jochum.

Mrs. Ed Johnson and two little daughters returned to their home at Neodesha, Kan., after a pleasant visit with her mother, Mrs. Lou Solomon.—Leader.

EASTER ENTERTAINMENT

The Easter entertainment given by the Junior Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church, Friday evening, was one of the best of the kind ever given here.

There were two cantatas presented by members of the society. The sentiment of the selections was very fine and in some places the pathos brought tears to the eyes of the audience. It was a beautiful entertainment. Miss Nellie Mills is the superintendent and had the program in charge.

THIRD STREET HOUSE BURNS

The house belonging to Wimsatt Brothers at 404 Third street caught fire, Saturday morning and the entire roof was burned off.

The house was occupied by two families, Mr. and Mrs. Viga Hall and Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Williams. The fire caught from the kitchen flue on Hall's side of the house.

The fire department was on hands in a short time and saved about half the building. Viga Hall removed nearly all his furniture. Mr. Williams lost the kitchen and part of the dining room furniture. The house and contents were insured.

Ben Manlove lost one of his best horses Tuesday morning. The team was tied at St. Mary's church and as a train was passing the team became scared and broke loose and in some way one of the horses jumped on an iron post and tore a big hole in his flank letting the entrails out. It was necessary to kill the horse.—Peirce City Leader.

CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS

State vs Loren Smith, rape, continued by agreement.

James Garner vs W. E. Rickman, damages, jury failed to render verdict.

State vs D. R. Clutter, defiling female under his care and protection, defendant given two and one-half years in the penitentiary.

A. P. Harper vs the National Advertising & Mfg. Co., damages, continued.

Nora M. Kring vs Globe Farmers Town Mutual Ins. Co., damages, continued.

Mary Ketchum vs the City of Monett, damages, continued.

Fort Towson Hdw. Co. vs the National Advertising & Mfg. Co., damages, continued.

John Bawer vs E. D. Feeney, damages, continued.

In the matter of James Garner ex parte, mandamus, dismissed.

Monett Lodge No. 196 I. O. O. F. vs Arthur C. Hartman, mandate, judgment for defendant.

City of Monett vs Chas. Rausch, appeal from J. P., continued by agreement.

J. E. Weck vs Cass Jeffries, slander, and damages, dismissed.

Goldman Beckman & Co., Jas. T. Sampson and U. S. Davidson, on note, continued by plaintiff.

State vs Jess Finley, rape, continued on application of defendant.

State vs R. A. Gardner, murder in second degree, defendant acquitted.

City of Monett vs Chas. Stringer, appeal from J. P., continued by agreement.

Clyde Thornburg, a minor, by next friend, May Shea vs W. P. Searcy, damages, continued.

A. L. Galloway vs Samuel Packwood, quiet title, decree granted.

J. M. Douglas vs Persis M. Martin, quiet title, decree granted.

Helen M. Gambell vs T. F. McQuary, equity, continued.

Lottie McHargue vs Daniel R. McHargue, divorce, decree granted.

Hartford Insurance Co. vs Alonzo Perry and W. J. Fleming, on bond, continued.

M. L. Coleman vs G. F. Hentschel et al, mechanic lien, trial by court, judgment against defendant, G. F. Hentschel.

J. G. Parsons vs Star Publishing Co., on account, continued by agreement.

A. D. Wilson vs Chas. Ray et al, on notes, continued.

Joseph B. Smith vs Jas. W. Lusk, damages, continued.

J. S. Merrel Drug Co. vs John Gramlish, on account, dismissed by plaintiff.

Cherokee Hardware Co. vs National Advertising and Manufacturing Co., damages, dismissed by plaintiff.

Lyon Milling Co. vs W. E. Thornburgh, note, trial by court, judgment for plaintiff for \$832.

State of Missouri vs Bondsmen of E. M. Bartlett, on bond, trial by court and judgment against J. W. George, C. D. Manley and G. N. Manley for \$800, amount of bond.

City of Monett vs L. F. West and Maud West, appeal from J. P., dismissed.

City of Monett vs F. M. Hall, appeal from J. P., continued.

ENGINEER GETS \$10,000 VERDICT

Jefferson City, April 1.—John T. Williams, formerly a passenger engineer on the Wabash between Kansas City and Moberly, was awarded \$10,000 damages against the company by the supreme court today. He was under his engine making some repairs, at Missouri City, when another train collided with the rear end of his train. He lost a thumb and three fingers and the use of his right arm was impaired. A jury awarded him \$20,000. This is reduced to \$10,000, provided Williams accepts within ten days.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

J. C. Snook Washburn
Nora Lawrence Washburn
Clarence Oakley Butterfield
Grace Nafus Cassville
Glen Hawk Cassville
Virgie Heffley Cassville
Sam'l A. Cox Coffeyville, Kan.
Grace M. Banks Seligman

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gray are visiting Mr. Gray's parents at Marionville.

FRISCO BRAKEMAN

BREAKS LEG

Alvis Woolsey, Frisco passenger brakeman is in the Frisco hospital in Springfield suffering with a broken leg.

The accident occurred near Chelsea, Ok., Friday night. The passenger train was obliged to stop on account of the falling of a brake beam and Mr. Woolsey was instructed to go back and flag. He took his lantern and swung off the back of the train, not knowing it had stopped on a bridge. He fell about thirty feet and landed on his feet in mud.

His ankle was broken and he was badly shaken up. He was taken to the hospital in Springfield, Saturday night and his brother-in-law, Lawson Jeffries, went with him from Monett.

CASSVILLE NEWS

Pat Perry of Monett, came in Sunday night for a few days visit with relatives.

J. T. Graves and wife of Monett, visited S. M. Cozad and family of this city from Friday to Sunday.

Clyde Turner was in Monett Wednesday.

Bon Manley and Harry Shaw went to Monett Wednesday after Bon's car.

The many friends of Ross Stuckey will be glad to learn that he is getting better.

H. C. Erwin of Crawford county, Mo., came in Tuesday night for a few days visit with his brother, Arthur Erwin.

Cal Stucky of Carthage, and Dock Bruton, of Pittsburg, Kan., were here Thursday to see their cousin, Ross Stuckey.

Mrs. M. C. Stuckey and son, C. R. Stuckey and daughters, Misses Beulah and Pauline, came in Tuesday to attend Ross Stuckey, who has been very sick.—Democrat.

The news was received in Neosho Monday of the death of Mrs. R. E. Coleman at Banning, Cal., where she had gone for health. Mrs. Coleman was formerly Mrs. Horace Ritchey, and lived in Neosho at the time of Mr. Ritchey's death some five or six years ago. After the death of Horace Ritchey, deceased, went to Comanche to live with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Allen, and was married to Mr. Coleman. She leaves two children, Lorine Ritchey, who has made her home with her mother's aunt Mrs. Zora Gibson, and Logan Ritchey, who has been with his mother. The body of Mrs. Coleman is being brought to Neosho for burial and is expected Saturday night. The funeral will be held on Sunday.—Neosho Miner and Mechanic.

SHAKESPEARE CLUB

ENTERTAINED

Miss Delia Perry very pleasantly entertained the Shakespeare Club Saturday evening at 6 o'clock dinner, in honor of her house guests, Miss Lona Briggie, of Carthage and Miss Elsie Davis of West Plains, who is attending the Springfield Normal. Miss Bessie McClanahan, who is this year teaching at Collinsville, Ok., was also a guest. After an excellent dinner the evening was spent in playing Rook.

ALL DAY SERVICES

At the Kings Prairie school there was an all day service. In the afternoon a special Easter program was given which was excellent and much enjoyed by the large audience. At noon an excellent dinner was served.

At Bethel there was also all day service with a big dinner at noon. Rev. Clarence Goodnight had charge of the services.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES

F. P. Sizer and H. A. Gardner filed suit Friday at Mt. Vernon against the Frisco receivers for A. H. Hundley, of Monett, for \$15,000, on account of alleged negligence of his foreman, who struck him in the head with a spike maul. Mr. Hundley is alleged to be out of his mind and permanently injured as a result.

For Sale: S. C. thoroughbred Buff Orpington eggs, \$1.00 per 15 or \$5.00 per 100. Mrs. J. G. Lasley, R. 2, Purdy, Mo. 190 m2 p.

HOW STATE AIDS SCHOOLS

State Superintendent Gass Gives Out Summary of New Laws

Jefferson City, April 2.—A great many inquiries are coming here relative to changes in the school laws and the extension of state aid for rural, consolidated and high schools.

State Superintendent of Public Schools Howard A. Gass today prepared a summary of the new laws of which the following is a copy:

State Aid for Rural Schools

Every district in the state must have an eight months' term of school each scholastic year, provided a levy of forty cents on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation, together with the public funds and the cash on hand, is sufficient therefor. Should a district be unable to have eight months of school it may receive aid from the state. In order to secure aid a district must meet the following conditions:

1. The district must have an assessed valuation of \$50,000 or less.
2. The district must levy 65 cents on the \$100 for school purposes, that is, teachers' wages and incidental expenses.
3. The district must have maintained this year an average daily attendance of fifteen pupils, or in lieu of fifteen pupils, the average daily attendance must be 65 per cent of the enumeration of the preceding year.

The amount of aid granted is \$200 per district or so much thereof as may be necessary to maintain an eight months' term of school at the following salaries:

- (a) Forty dollars (\$40.00) per month for a teacher who holds a third grade certificate.
- (b) Forty-five dollars (\$45.00) per month for a teacher who holds a second grade certificate.
- (c) Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month for a teacher who holds a first grade certificate or its equivalent.

A district that receives state aid can not pay salaries in excess of those prescribed above. If necessary, the board of directors may call a special meeting to vote the increase of levy necessary for state aid.

No school district organized after January 1, 1913, and having an area of less than six square miles can receive state aid.

Formal application must be made to the county clerk on or before June 30th and by him to the state superintendent on or before July 15th.

In order to secure state aid for maintenance only three conditions are prescribed:

State Aid for Consolidated Schools

1. The district must provide adequate buildings.

2. It must maintain at least two years of approved high school work.

3. It must give an approved course of one year in agriculture.

It is not necessary that school site contain five acres in order that the consolidated school may obtain aid for maintenance under section 8. Since the passage of this law twenty-one districts have been organized.

State Aid for High Schools

The following are the conditions necessary to secure state aid for high schools:

1. The district must show its assessed valuation.
2. It must be organized as a town, city or consolidated school district.
3. It must levy one hundred cents on the one hundred dollars for teachers and incidental expenses.
4. It must maintain an approved high school and employ a competent principal.
5. It must pay its teachers at least \$40 per month.
6. It must admit nonresident pupils on payment of a reasonable tuition.
7. In the past year the daily attendance must have averaged fifteen pupils.
8. It must give an approved course of at least one year in agriculture.
9. A district cannot receive for any year more than one-half the amount of the salary paid to its high school teachers the previous year.

Mrs. Hal Kirk has received an invitation to the wedding of her cousin, Miss Marguerite Elizabeth Baggett, of Fayetteville, to Mr. Roy Otto Carroll, of Fort Smith, Ark. The wedding will take place at Fayetteville, April